

Patent claims

1. A section of a tubular foodstuff casing closed at one end with a flat transverse seam, wherein the seam is a jointing seam.  
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2. The section as claimed in claim 1, wherein the jointing seam is a sealed seam, welded seam, or adhesive seam.  
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3. The section as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the foodstuff casing is composed of a heat-sealable or weldable polymer material.  
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4. The section as claimed in claim 1, wherein the foodstuff casing has a heat-sealable layer or a heat-sealable coating on the inner side.  
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5. The section as claimed in claim 2 or 3, wherein the foodstuff casing has been biaxially oriented, and if appropriate also heat-set.  
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6. The section as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4, wherein, parallel to the sealed seam, welded seam, or adhesive seam, there is a sewn seam.  
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7. The section as claimed in claim 5, wherein the sewn seam has been applied on a separate strip of material located on or immediately adjacent to the sealed seam, welded seam or adhesive seam.  
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8. The section as claimed in claim 6, wherein the sewn seam has been imitated via an embossment on or adjacent to the sealed seam, welded seam or adhesive seam.

9. The section as claimed in claim 5, wherein the sewn seam has been imitated via a print applied to or adjacent to the sealed seam, welded seam or adhesive seam.  
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10. The section as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 8, which has been pre-smoked.
- 10 11. The section as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 9, which has been shirred to give a short stick.
12. The section as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 9, which, after the application of the sealed seam, welded seam, adhesive seam, sewn seam, embossed seam, or printed seam, is not separated from the other identical sections and has been wound up on a roll.  
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